RFP Reference	Question
General	What system(s)/technologies currently house the eligibility/membership information?
General	Is the system/technology currently storing the eligibility/membership information "services-enabled;" i.e., does it have an integration layer/data access layer that can support real-time inquiries from external sources?
RFP page 5, 3.1	Does SD expect the solution to go directly against the source system of eligibility/membership information or a copy of it (e.g., extract in an Operational Data Store)?
RFP page 5, 3.2	Does SD expect the solution to ultimately reside in-house or can it be hosted? Or no preference?
General	Does SD use any middleware/integration software today?
General	Is this solution expected to use any existing SD technical infrastructure (e.g., share with existing "gateway" software/technologies, utilize in-house integration software/technologies, etc.). If so, what software/technology is SD using today and expecting the vendor to use in its proposed solution?
RFP page 6, 3.10	What is the current (or expected) transaction volume for this transaction?
General	Once the development is completed, does DSS want the vendor to run and maintain the application or transition it back to SD? If vendor run and maintained, for how long of a period?
RFP page 2, 1.1	Is this the only transaction that needs to be implemented, or are there other transactions planned for the future?
RFP page 6, 3.13	Is this requirement related to security and privacy regulations or transaction, code set, and identifier standards? Also, please confirm that HIPAA compliance is required in the vendor's role as a business associate.
RFP page 7, 4.3	Please confirm that DSS will accept equivalent financial statements for firms that are privately owned partnerships that do not have audited financial statements or other corporate financial information such as a 10-K.

RFP page 8, 5.2.3.3	Please confirm that the response for this requirement is to be included in the Cost Proposal described at 7.0.
General	How would we connect to the data?
General	What type of hardware is currently hosting the solution?
General	What OS is the current solution running on?
General	What type of DB is currently storing the SD eligibility data we'll be accessing?
General	Are there any current hardware limitations today we should be aware of?
General	How many systems make up SD eligibility today? Will this increase in the near future.
General	Is there a redundancy model for the actual data today? so please detail the model (I.E. active/active, active/standby, active/cold standby)
General	What is the refresh interval of SD's Medicaid eligibility data?
General	How is the data for eligibility populated?
General	Is the existing architecture a tiered model consisting of several components we'll need to connect to individually?
General	If separated is it tiered based on components? What is the recipient enrollment census? What are the transaction statistics (if available)

Response
An z/OS IBM mainframe
No, the data is on VSAM files.   We anticipate that we will send a nightly batch transaction extract of eligibility data to the vendor.
An extract that will be sent to vender.   Please disregard the HTTP reference.
We expect the solution to be a hosted solution.
Yes, but we envision this process to be a nightly extract not requiring middleware.
No
One batch transaction per night.
The Vender is to run and maintain. The initial contract will be awarded for three years with the option for up to three one year contract extensions.
The RFP is for the 270/271 Transactions. South Dakota may consider future implementation of other HIPAA transactions utilizing a similar format.
HIPAA compliance is related to security and privacy regulations as well as the transaction, code set and identifier standards. The HIPAA compliance is required in the vendor's role as a business associate.
Yes

Yes, please include the estimates of cost to the South Dakota Medicaid Program by eligibility inquiry or monthly fee with a detailed breakdown of the services provided in the Cost Proposal described in 7.0.

We are envisioning a nightly sFTP send of eligibility data.   The vender will load this data into their system for the SD client eligibility checks.

The data is currently hosted on a Mainframe.

IBM Mainframe z/OS v1.13

Mainframe VSAM. But we anticipate nightly extracts sent via sFTP.

None we are aware of.

There is one system today and we do not anticipate additional systems in the future.

We are anticipating a nightly extract.   So, 1 time per 24 hours.

Not applicable since we anticipate a nightly eligibility extract.

We envision that you will receive a nightly extract though sFTP.

No, we anticipate sending a nightly extract.

We currently have around 117,000 eligible recipients. We know that we have a 40% utilization rate. So in any one month 40% of the recipients are receiving services. They may obtain eligibility information through a swipe card, an interactive voice response system or through online eligibility checks.